The right to disagree

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To agree or not agree, that is the perogative of being in America. Have we then lost sight of that in the course of our own individual narrow outlooks on the world and life? While we commend all who have the courage to express their opinions, as well as the forums that serve as a vehicle for those expressions, we are appalled by those who would levy personal attacks on the basis of a disagreement in points of view.

Though the main point of our writing is directly motivated by the letters of recent date by Mr. Weisberg, we will simply state that his opinion is a necessary counter-point and is equally respected by us. In the same sense, Mr. Meachum's writings, though we do not always agree with his points as well, are likewise necessary threads in the fabric of the world.

Perspective on issues is a coloring that bears analysis. When viewing or reading the news of the day, we must look beyond that which is said to the person or organization that is saying it. As cynical as we are, many times the "secret agenda" is not examined in full. Do the Israelis have any more right to a homeland and self-determination than the Palestinians? Have we as a nation become so callous that the deaths and maiming of several Palestinians (human beings even though they are Moslem) is of less significance than the death of one Israeli (also a human being)? We as a country are not "losing it" because of any major shifting in the attitudes of the rest of the world community, but rather because of our own increasing paranoia when someone has a different point of view.

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